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SUMMARY. THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE STANAG WORKING GROUP (WG/5) CONVENED ON JULY 6, 1976. THE WORKING GROUP APPROVED THE REVISED PROPOSAL ON THE "NO RETROFIT" CLAUSE TABLED BY THE US (ENTIRE TEXT TRANSMITTED IN PARA 3), DISCUSSED A PROPOSED METHOD OF WORK IN IN RELATION TO PRIORITY 2 AND 3 STANAGS, AND REQUESTED SACLANTREPEUR TO INVESTIGATE THE CONTROVERSY OVER STANAG 3733 AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAS, DETERMINE IF IT CAME WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE TOR OF UNCLASSIFIED

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WG/5. THE WORKING GROUP ALSO AGREED TO FORWARD TO CAPITALS FOR COMMENT A REVISED DRAFT OF THE WORKING PAPER ON A MONITORING SYSTEM FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STANAGS. ACTION REQUESTED. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THE "NO RETROFIT" PROPOSAL,

PARA 3, BY COB JULY 23, 1976, AND ON THE REVISED WORKING PAPER ON A MONITORING SYSTEM FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STANAGS, BY COB AUGUST 5, 1976. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE STANAG WORKING GROUP (WG/5) CONVENED ON JULY 6, 1976. REPRESENTATIVES FROM FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, SHAPE, SACLANTREPEUR AND THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF PARTICIPATED. NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE PRIORITY I STANAGS WERE TABLED.

2. WASHINGTON WILL RECALL THAT AT THE FIRST MEETING OF WG/5, THE INITIAL LIST OF STANAGS PRESENTED TO THE GROUP INDICATED PRIORITY 1, 2 OR 3 AS DESIGNATED BY MNCS. (MR. MCADAMS OF DOD/I&L HAND CARRIED A COPY OF THIS LIST, DATED 4 MAR 76, TO WASHINGTON.) THOSE STANAGS ON THE LIST IN THE 2 AND 3 CATEGORIES WERE DISCUSSED UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM. THE WORKING GROUP DECIDED THAT A DIFFERENT METHOD OF OBTAINING NATIONAL COMMENTS ON THE STATUS OF RATIFICATION/IMPLEMENTATION WAS NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED BY WG/5 IN ADDRESSING THE PRIORITY I STANAGS. THE WORKING GROUP AGREED TO CHARGE THE SECRETARY OF WG/5 TO EDIT THE LIST, REMOVING THOSE STANAGS WHICH HAVE BEEN OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING CANCELLED AND THOSE CURRENTLY UNDER REVISION. FOR EXAMPLE, AS A RESULT OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE AIRCRAFT STANDARD PARTS WORKING PARTY, ONE STANAG IN THE PRIORITY II CATEGORY WILL BE CANCELLED AND FOUR WILL BE REDRAFTED REQUIRING NATIONS TO RE-RATIFY. AFTER THE SECRETARY PURGES THE LIST, HE WILL PROVIDE EACH NATION A LIST OF PRIORITY II AND III STANAGS FOR COMMENT. THE TIME-FRAME IN WHICH NATIONAL COMMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED. HOWEVER, THE GROUP DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD AT LEAST INITIATE ACTION ON THE MNC DESIGNATED PRIORITY II AND III STANAGS EVEN IF NATIONAL REPLIES WERE NOT RECEIVED UNTIL AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. COMMENT. OUR INITIAL REVIEW INDICATES THAT THERE WILL ONLY BE A SMALL NUMBER OF PRIORITY II AND III STANAGS FOR US COMMENT. IN ADDITION, THE DATA OBTAINED ON THESE STANAGS WILL PROVIDE A NECESSARY INPUT TO THE MONITORING SYSTEM BEING DEVELOPED. END COMMENT.

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3. THE US REP TABLED A REVISED DRAFT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE "NO RETROFIT" CLAUSE INCORPORATING CHANGES CONTAINED IN REF A. WITH A MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGE, THE WORKING GROUP ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL AND RECOMMENDED FORWARDING IT TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE DOCUMENT REFERRED TO IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AGENDA, ITEM I(E) OF REF B, I.E. AC/297-D/12, IS THE WG/5 "NO RETROFIT" PROPOSAL AND IS TRANSMITTED BELOW.

BEGIN TEXT. THE "NO RETROFIT" CLAUSE IN STANAGS

1. FUTURE STANAGS RELATING TO EQUIPMENT ITEMS NOT YET IN PRODUCTION WILL BE DRAFTED WITHOUT A "NO RETROFIT" CLAUSE.

2. AT THE STAGE WHEN AMENDMENTS OF SUBSTANCE HAVE TO BE MADE FOR OTHER REASONS TO STANAGS ALREADY PROMULGATED, WHICH RELATE TO EXISTING EQUIPMENTS, SPONSORING BODIES WILL BE DIRECTED TO DELETE "NO RETROFIT" CLAUSES. IN SUCH CASES, THE SPONSORING BODIES WILL DRAW PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF NATIONS TO THE FACT THAT "NO RETROFIT" CLAUSES HAVE BEEN DELETED WHEN CIRCULATING THE REDRAFTED STANAGS TO NATIONS FOR THEIR RATIFICATION.

3. IN CASES WHERE THE "NO RETROFIT" CLAUSE IS DELETED IN NEW EDITIONS OF STANAGS RELATING TO EXISTING EQUIPMENT, NATIONS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THEIR INTENTIONS REGARDING RETROFITTING IN THE "RESERVATIONS" PAGE OF THE STANAG. IN CASES WHERE THE "NO RETROFIT" CLAUSE IS NOT DELETED IN STANAGS RELATING TO EXISTING EQUIPMENT (BECAUSE NO NEW EDITIONS ARE FORTHCOMING) THE MAS WILL INITIATE ACTION TO OBTAIN A STATEMENT FROM ALL RATIFYING NATIONS TO DETERMINE:

(A) WHETHER THEY HAVE RETROFITTED IN SPITE OF THE "NO RETROFIT" CLAUSE; OR

(B) WHETHER THEY PLAN TO RETROFIT IN THE FUTURE IN SPITE OF THE "NO RETROFIT" CLAUSE. END TEXT.

4. REF C IS A REVISED WORKING PAPER ON A MONITORING SYSTEM FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STANAGS. THE INITIAL VERSION OF THIS WORKING PAPER WAS FORWARDED BY REF D. THE REVISED VERSION CONTAINS ALL THE US SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN REF E. SINCE REF C REQUIRES NATIONAL COMMENTS BY 7 AUGUST 1976, AND SINCE ITS APPENDIX IS NOT SUITABLE FOR ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION, IT WILL BE HAND CARRIED TO WASHINGTON JULY 12, 1976.

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5. THE WORKING GROUP DID NOT DISCUSS STANAG 3733. HOWEVER, THE GROUP DID REQUEST THAT SACLANTREPEUR INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEM WITH STANAG 3733 AND DETERMINE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAS, IF THE CONTROVERSY RAISED AT THE MAS AIR BOARD MEETING FALLS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE TOR OF WG/5.

6. THE NEXT MEETING OF WG/5 WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1976. ACTION REQUESTED. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THE "NO RETROFIT" PROPOSAL, PARA 3, BY COB JULY 23, 1976, AND ON THE REVISED WORKING PAPER ON A MONITORING SYSTEM FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STANAGS BY COB AUGUST 5, 1976. STRAUZ-HUPE

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